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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DIA and Laserfax

25X1 1. [] of DIA called me this morning to report on DIA's position concerning Laserfax. He said that "policy considerations" were very much at work in this arena and that there was, in effect, a split view within DIA. The analysts were very much in favor of the system and believed that there is no question about its widespread utility. Others are more dubious or at least inclined to start slowly in order to demonstrate utility.

2. General Tighe has been briefed on several occasions on the differences of view and his patience has worn thin. It is not certain that he will focus the top levels of DIA on this question in the near future, prior to the need for a decision, on how to proceed.

25X1 25X1 25X1 3. DIA's formal position is as follows. There should be an initial test phase. The rationale for the test phase should be to determine the degree to which the analysts' work will be enhanced during the initial test phase. [] stations will be required; [] one at CIA, Langley, and one at DIA, Pentagon. [] view is that the test will, in short order, demonstrate and justify expansion of this network. 25X1

4. DIA is unsympathetic during the test phase to have this installed at NSA. The reason is that the purpose should be considered as support for the analytical effort by finished intelligence producers. NSA does not qualify on this ground.

5. DIA would prefer to take no formal position on the question of Laserfax terminals at State and the White House, but would be inclined to question this on grounds that neither can add to analytical prowess.

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